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Mr. F. E. Robinson, chairman of the board of trustees; Ben Purser, one of the university's first students; and Dean D. W. Ryther, who has been on the faculty since 1930 when the university first opened its doors for students, are shown with the bust of William Jennings Bryan.

Ironside Impressed With Wm. J. Bryan's Faith Half Century Ago

The following letter, sent to the university by the Rev. John S. Ironside, was taken from the personal files of the late Dr. H. A. Ironside, who was a trustee of the university for 20 years. Mr. Bryan probably received this letter on his birthday 30 years ago.

"Honorable William Jennings Bryan
Miami, Florida

Esteemed brother in Christ:-

"Having just read the James Sprunt lectures for 1921, I cannot resist sitting down and sending you a note of appreciation.

"Some 20 years ago, I heard you first at a Democratic rally in Sacramento, and, on that occasion, I was deeply moved to hear you make a definite confession of faith in Christ before the cheering throngs who greeted your address. My wife and I said to one another, after the lecture, 'Oh, if this man's talents and ability were only laid at the feet of

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C. S. A. WORK EXPANDS DURING SECOND QUARTER

Since the beginning of the second quarter in January, students began conducting weekly chapel periods in two new schools in Rhea County and two in neighboring Bledsoe County. This brings the total number of schools in which such programs are being held to 25 with 2,850 pupils and teachers being contacted.

A group of Bryan students who are in charge of a chapel program at the Dayton colored school each Monday morning recently opened a recreation center at the school. The center is open every other Friday evening alternating a devotional or evangelistic program with a full evening of recreation.

The conducting of cottage prayer meetings in the homes of invalids and shut-ins in the city of Dayton is a recent addition to the work of the Christian Service Association. Giving a short musical and testimonial program at each place, the present group of ten students visits a number of homes each Sunday afternoon.

Prayer Day to Follow Formal Bryan Banquet

Highlighting the annual celebration of the birthday anniversary of William Jennings Bryan, a formal banquet will be held for faculty, students, and special friends March 10. In keeping with the practice of former years, this banquet will be followed by a day of prayer.

In expressing the reason for emphasis on prayer at this time, Dr. Rudd stated, "It is for the welfare of Bryan University in all of its various phases and interests. The staff and students alike need prayer support to enable them to carry out their individual responsibilities. Some have physical and spiritual needs as well as material. Our Christian testimony is very directly related to the completion of the building. The Lord has said, 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you.'

"As our minds and hearts are brought into right relationship with the Lord we can be certain that the way will open for the supply of our material needs, providing funds both for operation and for the completion of the building. We are about three months behind on our gift income budget for operating expense and will probably need from \$75,000 to \$100,000 yet to complete this building by the opening of school in September 1952."

Day of Prayer Schedule is as follows:

- 7:30 a.m.—Family and room devotions
- 8:00 a.m.—Dormitory prayer meetings
- 9:00 a.m.—Office and departmental prayer periods
- 10:00 a.m.—Chapel message and prayer period
- 2:30 p.m.—Class and staff prayer meetings
- 3:30 p.m.—Chapel message and prayer
- 6:30 p.m.—Missionary prayer groups
- 7:30 p.m.—Chapel message and praise service

From My Heart to You

An amazing comparison illustrates vividly the uncertainty of riches. A brief article, posted on our



bulletin board by Professor William D. Green for the benefit of the students, points out that the losses sustained by all depositors in the banks closed in 1933 amounted to less than two bil-

lion dollars, whereas the holders of government bonds have lost more than three and one-half billion dollars in purchasing power in a single year during the current inflation of prices.

The apostle Paul gave good advice in his letter to Timothy:

"Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not high-minded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; that they do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come..." —I Timothy 6:17-19b

Having been trained in the field of economics and having taught the theory of money and prices, I see more clearly how inflation robs people of their property without their realizing that they have been robbed. Not only the holders of government bonds suffer but all people with fixed incomes. Thrift is discouraged and the inflationary spiral finally comes to an end with serious reactions.

Late in 1929 or early in 1930 I wrote my parents a letter calling attention to the signs which indicated that a very serious depression was impending. My instructors, my fellow teachers, and I had been anticipating it for years. It was more serious because it was so long delayed. Many of my Christian friends lost all of their earthly possessions and had left only the treasures they had laid up in heaven.

A new generation is growing up that did not learn the lessons of the last inflationary period and the depression which followed. The material things of life are being over-emphasized. Many are being deceived into thinking that we have learned economic laws so well that we can violate them, producing less and yet having more to consume. Last time we depended on the Federal Reserve System to save us from a depression, but this time we are relying on Social Security and a government spending program to save us. Such expectations delay the inevitable evil day but

Will Churches Behind the Iron Curtain Survive?

By Ralph Toliver

Mrs. Toliver and I have just arrived in America after living for 22 months under the Chinese Communists. We stand amazed at the goodness of God in delivering us and our five children unscathed from behind the Iron Curtain.

In 1948, when we returned to China from furlough, we were convinced that the best contribution that a foreign missionary can make to a native church is in teaching the Word of God. Because of that conviction, I taught in Chinese Bible schools for two and a half years—up until Communist pressure forced me to stop 14 months ago. Now that we have both observed in others and experienced in ourselves the Communist attack on the Christian faith, we are more convinced than ever that it is only a Bible-taught, Spirit-filled, self-supporting church that will endure under Communism. Some Chinese churches, bottle-fed on foreign money instead of built up on meat of the Word, have either disbanded or (often the easier course) have succumbed to the face-saving temptation to degrade the

make it more severe when it does arrive.

As in the years preceding 1929, some of us are anticipating the reaction which will eventually come from present-day inflation. I look for several years of minor ups and downs, such as we have been having, but accompanied by a general upward trend. This will deceive many. With such a large gold supply, with the tremendous government debt, and with our banks in such a strong position, we can and probably will have further inflation. Technological improvements tend to hold prices down, but the fiscal policy of our government in reaction to Russia seems to be the deciding factor economically in our day.

World events make exceedingly practical the old motto: "Work as though Christ were not coming for a thousand years; live as though He were coming today." As Christians we must not become surfeited with the cares of this life. We should invest in things which cannot be taken from us. There is no better investment than real Christian education, both for our students and for our contributing friends, because a dollar so invested is compounded for time and eternity through the lives thus reached directly and indirectly.

The completion of the building is

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pulpit into an instrument of Communist propaganda.

On the other hand, those Christian groups that have remained rooted to the Bible and have sought in it a solution to their new and perplexing problems have exerted a quiet but ever-widening spiritual trumpet-call that will be drowned out by neither the clang of prison gates nor the roar of the executioner's rifle.

This conviction concerning the pre-eminence of teaching the Word to the national Christians was shared, I believe, by the majority of the 300 missionaries of the China Inland Mission and like-minded societies whom we were able to help in Chungking during the great evacuation of 1951.

During these crucial days on world mission fields—and especially in the Communist-threatened Far East—missions are asking for young people equipped to help the national churches by teaching—not only teaching the doctrines of the Bible, but, as our Lord emphasized, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you." Yes, that is the teaching that presses His followers to obedience, to action in daily living, and that kind of help to the national churches can only be given by men and women equipped in both mind and heart and who teach by life as well as by lip.

We return to the Far East, the Lord willing, within the next few months, to join the new work of the China Inland Mission in the Philippines. Shut out of our beloved China, we "flee," as our Lord commanded, to this "next" country, convinced that building up the saved in the Word of God is the secret to an enduring native church.

MRS. MCGOWAN, MUSIC TEACHER, PASSES AWAY AT OHIO HOME

Mrs. Margaret McGowan, former music instructor and well-beloved friend of the university, passed away at her home in Portsmouth, Ohio, January 23.

Mrs. McGowan came to Bryan in the fall of 1948 and remained on the faculty until the spring of 1950 when she was forced to take a leave of absence because of illness. During her two years here, she was instructor in piano and organ and director of the university choir.

GOD'S WARRIOR

(The following poem, written by the state librarian and archivist, was read at the memorial services held in memory of William Jennings Bryan in Nashville, August 2, 1925.)

God touched him and he slept —
His warrior;
Defender of His faith and
champion —
Upon his head the helmet of God's
truth:
Breast-plated with His shield of
righteousness.

God touched him and he slept; his
work was done.
He fought as warrior never fought
before
For God and man;
He died as warrior never died before
With no blood on his hand,
No ruined homes, nor widowed
lands,

Nor starving, spectral bands:
No tyranny of hate and force to
breed more wars.

Peace, Faith, and Hope—these
were his scars;
God saw him come all lily-crowned,
The symbol of the cross upon his
breast;

No sword nor spear, no hate nor fear
To break his rest.
Then in his path there shone a light
That led to gates ajar;
And where the Agnostic saw but
night

He saw a star!
God smiled—His warrior's work
was done —

Come home, my son.

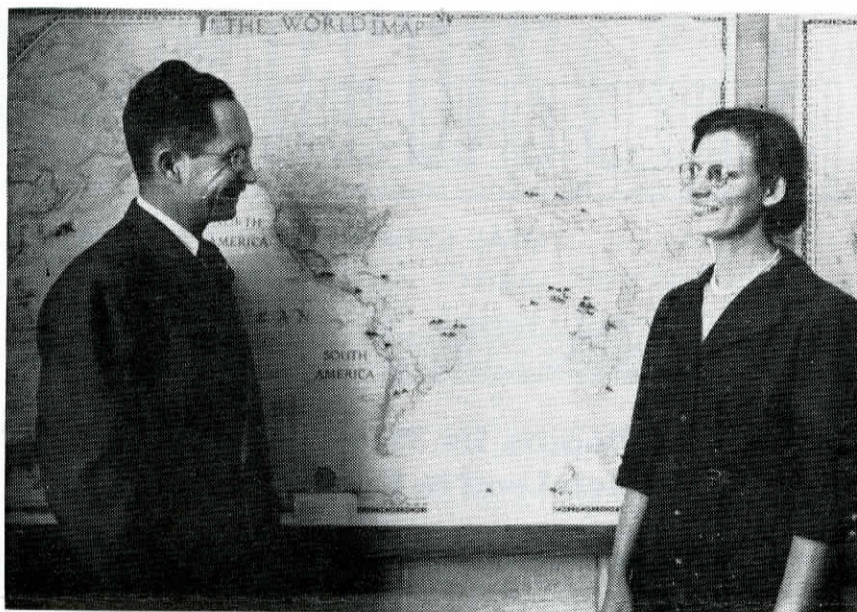
— John Trotwood Moore

IRONSIDE IMPRESSED

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the Lord Jesus Christ, to be used in declaring His gospel, and spreading His truth, what a wonderful thing it would be, and, from that day to this, whenever you have come before my mind, whenever I have heard you, as it has been my privilege to do on a number of occasions, the same thought has been uppermost, and I have prayed over and over again that your voice might be raised in preaching the gospel, and confuting the unholy teachings so prevalent in so many quarters today.

"Your book, 'In His Image,' is like a direct answer to prayer. I know that thousands of Christians have been praying in this way, and now we can give God thanks that he has taken you up, and is using you to contend earnestly for the Faith once for all delivered to the saints.



Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Toliver, recently returned from China, stand before a world map on which colored pennants show the location of Bryan alumni missionaries.

Alumni Missionaries Scattered Across World; Tolivers Return; Hays to Leave for Africa

A good percentage of the Bryan alumni have heeded the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel." That call has sent them to India, Japan, China, Thailand, the Philippines, Brazil, Argentina, Peru, Mexico, Haiti, Nicaragua, Austria, Bulgaria, France, and many countries in Africa.

At present there are 26 missionaries on the field, 14 missionaries on furlough in the United States, and eight accepted candidates who are going to their places of service in a few months. Of these 48 alumni, 37 are graduates.

Some of the boards under which these are serving are the Brazil Gospel Fellowship Mission, Mid-Missions, Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, Sudan Interior Mission, Ber-ean Mission, China Inland Mission,

As one of the least of God's servants, and altogether unknown to you, I yet esteem it a great privilege to have fellowship with you, in any measure, in helping to spread this book.

"With the sincerest good wishes and continued prayers that God will lead you out into greater activities as a preacher of the gospel and evangelist to the educated classes throughout this and other lands, I beg to subscribe myself,

Your brother in Christ Jesus,
H. A. IRONSIDE"

Christian Missions, Wycliffe Bible Translators, European Evangelistic Crusade, Christian Missions in Many Lands, Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board of the Brethren Church.

Among the alumni on furlough, the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Toliver with their five children, who were forced to leave Communist China, are home for a brief time before being assigned to the Philippine Islands. Mr. Toliver graduated from Bryan in 1937 and left for China a year later. Mrs. Toliver graduated in 1938, and they were married on the field in 1940. They are staying at the home of Mr. Toliver's mother in Dayton.

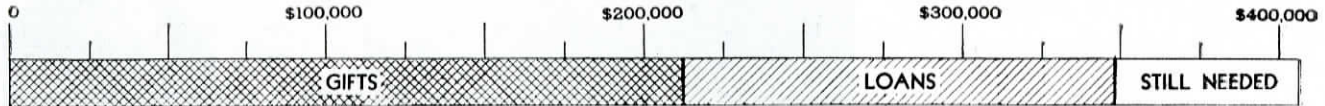
The Rev. and Mrs. Ian Hay expect to sail for Nigeria, Africa, in the near future. During the past several months they have been engaged in deputation work preparatory to leaving for the field. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hay are Bryan graduates and will be serving with the Sudan Interior Mission.

Another graduate, the Rev. Roger Bacon, is now stationed at the Protestant Mission in Niamey, Niger Colony, French West Africa, where he is engaged in language study. Mr. Bacon, who is working under Christian Missions, recently arrived on the field after spending several months in Paris, France.

PROGRESS REPORT



TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF BUILDING \$409,500



Track Men Prepare for Five Spring Meets; Sophomore Men Lead in Basketball Standings

During the second quarter, Bryan's track men have been working out in preparation for the five spring meets which have been scheduled. The Lions will challenge Emory University of Atlanta, Georgia; the Berry Schools of Rome, Georgia; and Union University of Jackson, Tennessee, on their home fields, and will participate in the Milligan Relays at Johnson City, Tennessee, and in the state track meet May 10 at the University of the South in Sewanee. According to Coach Roger Walkwitz, contacts for several other meets have been made.

In the intramural basketball standings for the men after four games for each team, the freshmen and sophomores were tied with three victories and one loss each, the juniors have two victories and two defeats, and the seniors have failed in all attempts to put themselves in the win column.

The sophomores and freshmen had little difficulty in their first

games as the yearlings downed the seniors 31-17 and the sophomores won over the juniors 31-12.

In the women's standings, the sophomores are ahead with three wins and no losses, the freshmen have won one and lost two, while a junior-senior combination has registered two defeats. After being upset 57-46 by the sophomores in the first game, the freshmen defeated the junior-seniors 41-21.

FROM MY HEART TO YOU

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so imperative that we are willing to borrow whatever is necessary for its completion by the opening of school next September. We are about to place the orders for the materials needed for its completion. We will continue to solicit gifts to complete the building and to get out of debt just as soon as possible after the building is completed.

I have shared my viewpoint with you. For years we have been making our plans to serve the Lord under just such conditions as we will face before His return. I want to use my background of knowledge, training, and experience to chart the course of the university aright during these turbulent days, but supernatural wisdom and guidance is needed. Many of you are praying for us already, but I hope that all who read this will make it a point to join us in our special Day of Prayer Tuesday, March 11. As we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, all of the necessary material things will certainly be provided.

JUDSON A. RUDD, President

January Financial Report

Operating\$ 3,373.19
Building 6,567.87

Total Jan. Gifts\$ 9,941.06

FISCAL YEAR TOTALS

(June 1, 1951 to Feb. 1, 1952)

Operating
(Budget \$32,000)\$19,405.73
Building 34,785.21

Total gifts to Feb. 1\$54,190.94

DAYTON LIONS NAME DR. RUDD MAN OF YEAR

Dr. Judson A. Rudd, Bryan's president, was named outstanding Man of the Year by the Dayton Lions Club recently. He was chosen on the merits of his personal contribution to the community during the past year and on the continuing influence and growing importance of the university.

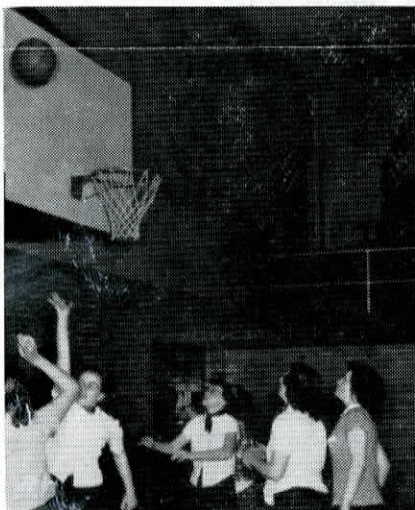
Coming to Bryan as a teacher of mathematics in 1931, Dr. Rudd became acting president in 1933 and was elected president in 1936. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church and is well known in religious circles in many parts of the country.

Christ Above All

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Janice Brown falls in an attempt to score in a freshman vs. junior-senior basketball game.